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*Texas Aggie Mother's Letter.

#1290.

THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF LIFEI. AUDIENCE: "Raise hand when grasp what my subject is, ^{BUT} Don't speak out, please.)

1. There is a CENTRAL ACTIVITY in the human race which is exercised by all that lives.
2. Without it whole civilizations would shortly perish----just vanish. Disappear.
3. Without it all political IDEAOLGIES would cease to be: Inc. Democracies, Dictatorships, Monarchies, Socialism, Communism and Oligarchies. All Govt. would simply cease to exist.
4. Without it the earth's population would rapidly starve to death--for lack of continual sustinance.
5. Without it man would cease to be man and would soon vanish from a jungle of mere high-bred animals.
6. Without it HOPE would cease to sparkle as a star in the sky;
would cease to enlighten mankind as a moon in space
would cease to warm the earth as the sun in the Heavens.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THIS CENTRAL ACTIVITY?

ANSWER: Perpetuating "Vital Information," Truths. Facts. Laws!
Teaching and Caring for our YOUNG!
Maintaining a civilized Human Society.

II. QUESTIONS FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION: WITH OR WITHOUT ANSWERS.

1. Adam personally NAMED every animal, beast, fish & fowl on earth? Yes ___ No ___.
If yes, where did he get the vocabulary and semantics for such? _____.
2. Adam taught Eve everything she knew? True ___ False ___.
3. Adam and Eve did ___ did not ___ teach their children God's laws of life?
Yes ___ No ___. If not, why not? If so, explain Cain's unseemly behavior----Murder!!!
4. Mankind early learned the Great Commandment(love God most!) and was urged to teach all succeeding generations. True ___ False ___. (DEUT. 6:4-7).

III. WHAT CAN WE LOOK FOR IN HUMAN SOCIETY IF WE DON'T TEACH & TRAIN all succeeding generations????A. SUBMIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: Answer of a Very Wise man.

1. Can you identify him from this poem by Edith Daley? (# 1).
2. Can you identify him from this INTERVIEW? (# 2).

POEM:

(LUTHER BURBANK)

1.

(1.)

The gentlest man in all the world is dead.....
So understanding of his thought of her, ~~~~~

That NATURE made him her Interpreter, and crowned
him with the sun about his head;

Crowned him with sun, and gave him love instead of
human greed; such Love that eyes now blur with
tears, while memory's lavender and myrrh
breath-in the blossom-pall upon his bed.

He sleeps AS GENTLY AS HE LIVED; and high among
the trees, and underneath where blow the April
buds, the green earth seems to know and
grieve----and hush----and softly say: "Goodbye":

And all who love him, where the blossoms bend,

Lean low to hear all NATURE whisper: "FRIEND".

.....Edith Daley. *who*

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AN INTERVIEW

2.

"Sir, you don't seem to be much interested in making
money. You just sold your (~~Burbank Potatoe~~)
latest genius for a mere \$150.00. Some authorities
estimate that that invention will add one hundred
million dollars to the productivity of the world.

When you worked in a factory, as a youth, you
invented a machine that did the work of many men,
but you did not endeavor to cash in on it.

As rapidly as you made new discoveries you GAVE
them to the world; other men might have
squeezed every dollar out of them.

You have lived in moderate circumstances,
sometimes even in poverty, when you could have
had millions. Why only last week I read in the
SATURDAY EVENING POST that you added a new
item to the world which will add more to the
wealth of the world than extensive oil fields and
rich gold mines. Why haven't you taken the
fortunes which are RIGHTFULLY YOURS????"

Reply: (P.2.)

Reply.....

2.

"I have never had time to make money!"

Why would I want to count dollars when there are flowers to talk to.

I do not want more money than I need, for it might take my mind away from the work I love.

Why should I want a few million dollars anyway? The little food I eat is all I require. If I had a bank account in seven figures, I would not love children MORE! The sun warms me just as radiantly as it beams upon any millionaire.

Too, I do not know of any rich man for whom flowers are more beautiful, nor grass more green, than for me.

NOW, if money automatically brought more friends broader knowledge or greater happiness, then of course, I would want WEALTH; but that does not seem to be the case.

Last year, more millionaires committed suicide, in proportion to their number, than did members of any other class." *who???*

HIS PHILOSOPHY

3.

"Children are the most sensitive of all living things----they must be nurtured like plants---for plants and human beings are but different manifestations of the same life forces.

Cultivate kind, gentle, loving thoughts toward every person and animal and even plants and stars, & oceans, rivers and hills.

You will find yourself GROWING happy! more happy each day, and with happiness comes health and everything you want.

Weakling cowards boast, swagger, and brag. The Brave are gentle and kind.

Whom do you love most? Not those who quarrel and fight. Not those who throw stones at innocent animals, breakdown fences, destroy trees and shatter window panes.

You love those who are gentle and unselfish. Come close to the heart of nature and you will find yourself better, more honest and successful."

3. Can you identify him from his own PHILOSOPHY? (# 3).

4. Can you identify him from His most FAMOUS quote?

"IF WE PAID NO MORE ATTENTION TO OUR PLANTS THAN WE HAVE OUR CHILDREN, WE WOULD SOON BE LIVING IN A JUNGLE OF WEEDS!!!!!"

LUTHER BURBANK.

FAMOUS AMERICAN NATURALIST.

Public School - Samuel Webster.

IV. WE ARE ALREADY IN A JUNGLE OF WEEDS, BUT ISN'T THERE STILL TIME TO CHANGE THAT?

A. The ANSWER is in an Acrostic dealing with this "CENTRAL ACTIVITY" and WELL EXPLAINS THE NEED AND THE VALUE OF YOUR FUTURE EFFORTS.

REWARD: THE ABUNDANT LIFE NOW AND ETERNAL LIFE HEREAFTER!!!!

T - Tell: Mk. 16:15-16.

E - Everyone: Matt. 28:18-20.

A - About: John 14:6.

C - Christ's: Acts 4:12.

H - Home: John 14:1-3.

TEACH!! REACH!!

CONCLUSION: When all of life is over,

And this world is burned and gone;

Vanished are greed, and hate and strife...

Remains: THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF LIFE!!!



PUBLIC SCHOOLS . . . THEN AND NOW

1940s vs 1980s

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In the 1940s a survey listed the top seven discipline problems in public schools: talking, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls, getting out of line, wearing improper clothes, not putting paper in wastebaskets. A 1980s survey lists these top seven: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape, robbery, and assault. (Arson, gang warfare and venereal disease are also-rans.)
--George Will

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"Now the God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Rom 15:13



Dear Members and other Friends,

From Daniel Webster over 100 years ago: "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses of this country . . . I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

To gain + keep friends,
do them a special favor.
Here's my favor.

Ice cream store.
Donut shop.
Candy counter.

Weight a Minute

CALORIES DON'T COUNT: →

- If no one sees you eating.
- If you offset a cheeseburger with a diet soda.
- If the person you're with eats as much as you do.
- If the food has medicinal properties, such as hot chocolate, toast or rice pudding.
- If you're surrounded by people who weigh more than you.
- If it's a major holiday such as Christmas, your birthday, the Fourth of July or the anniversary of the Boxer Rebellion.

—Larry Wilde in *Wilde Times*